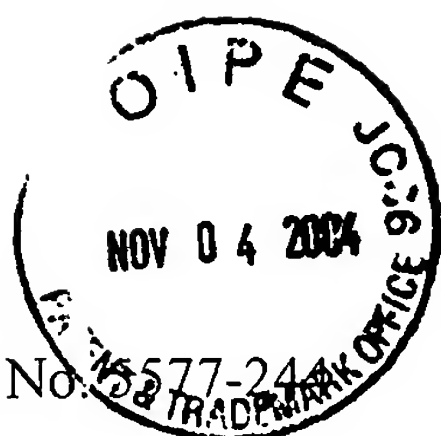


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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants provide the present Amendment to address the issues raised in the  
Official Action mailed August 9, 2004.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.